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Examiner : Simon NGUYEN

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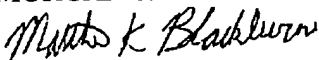
Sir:

I hereby certify that the attached Response to Restriction Requirement (2 pages) is  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Sir:

In response to Examiner's Restriction Requirement dated May 18, 2006,

Applicants provisionally elect to pursue prosecution of group I (claims 1-16).

This election is made with traverse. Applicants respectfully submit that for such a requirement to be proper, "[t]here must be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required." M.P.E.P. § 803. Applicants respectfully submit that (1) all groups of restricted claims are properly presented in the same application; (2) undue diverse searching should not be required; and (3) all claims should be examined together. For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the election requirement should be withdrawn and an action on the merits of all the claims is respectfully solicited.

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Should the restriction requirement be made final, Applicants expressly reserve the right to represent the non-elected claims in divisional application(s), if necessary. In the event that a telephone conference would facilitate the examination of this application in any way, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided.

THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY ADDITIONAL FEES WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED FOR THE TIMELY CONSIDERATION OF THIS AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 AND 1.17, OR CREDIT ANY OVERPAYMENT TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 13-4500, ORDER NO. 1232-5275.

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